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Over two months after the originally planned open day, bowling finally got underway at the club last Wednesday; well, almost! After the sunniest spring on record, I suppose it was inevitable that it would rain. I know some scheduled matches were abandoned but I'm not sure if anyone actually got to play. Those scheduled for Thursday had better fortune so we can say that there has been a start (of sorts) to our season.

There has been some further relaxing of the lockdown and Bowls England have updated their guidance. The committee hasn't yet considered what changes we might be able to make. David Shields and I spoke about it and we feel we have to allow the current arrangements to operate for a while to see how things are working. Perhaps a small change that could operate immediately relates to spectators. They are now permitted provided all the social distancing rules are observed and the numbers are small. Also remember there are no toilet facilities.

It is ironic that, having made a start, the greens' contractor is scheduled for the coming week so after Saturday it will be Wednesday before play can resume.

I gather there have been a few recent developments in the saga of the [Beast of Titchfield](#) which can be checked out by following the link. David & Norma are still generating the Weekly Quiz and this week (No.11) we have another of Norma's demon cryptic quizzes, relating to local place names I believe. Here is the link if you want to join in. [Weekly Quiz](#). The new quiz appears every Sunday and Dave & Norma need your answers by Thursday to be included in the results page.

The coffee morning is restored to Tuesday again this week at 1030. Here are the links:

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pwd=WINVMTNCeGRYd2puVDBCTWJ3NU5hdz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2288578434?pwd=WINVMTNCeGRYd2puVDBCTWJ3NU5hdz09)

Meeting ID: 228 857 8434

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I would also like to thank Roy Wilson who, amongst lots of other things that he has done for the club, has been looking after our adopted canal garden by the gate. After major surgery and advancing years Roy has decided it is time to hang up his weeding fork. If anyone would like to take the job on perhaps you would let me, or David Jones know.

I finish with a sad note concerning Ken Watts. I heard that Ken's wife Hilary sadly died at the beginning of the week. 2020 has been a particularly tough year for Ken. You might remember that he had recently completed a course of radiotherapy. I spoke to him this morning and he is remarkably stoic, considering they were soon to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. David Shields has written to Ken on behalf of us all.

Stay safe everyone,

Dennis